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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (Previously presented) Method for adjusting an embedded portion of a television signal comprising:
receiving the television signal having the embedded portion;
detecting the embedded portion of the television signal; and
adjusting the embedded portion, where a downstream receiver is prevented from processing the adjusted embedded portion.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
providing the television signal having the adjusted embedded portion to the downstream receiver.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said receiving, detecting and adjusting are performed in a set top terminal.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the downstream receiver comprises a television receiver.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the embedded portion comprises line 21 information of the television signal.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
demodulating the received television signal if the television signal is a digital television signal.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
decoding the received television signal if the television signal is an analog television signal.

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8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said providing comprises:
modulating the television signal into a NTSC television signal.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the embedded portion comprises closed captioning information.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein said adjusting comprises:
determining whether to provide closed caption information on said displayed video; and
removing closed captioning information from the television signal if said determining is to provide closed caption.
11. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein said adjusting comprises:
determining whether to provide closed caption information on said displayed video; and
passing closed captioning information in the television signal if said determining fails to provide closed caption, where a downstream receiver may provide closed captioning information upon decoding the television signal.
12. (Original) The method of claim 9 further comprising:
decoding said detected closed caption information to generate graphics information; and
applying said graphics information to said displayed video.
13. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the embedded portion comprises V-chip rating information.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein said adjusting comprises:

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determining whether to block the television signal based on the identified V-chip rating information; and

modifying the identified V-chip rating information to a universally unblocked rating if said determining is to pass the television signal.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein said adjusting comprises:

determining whether to block the television signal based on the identified V-chip rating information; and

modifying the identified V-chip rating information to a universally blocked rating if said determining is to block the television signal.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the embedded portion comprises a timestamp of a recorded video program.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein said adjusting comprises:
removing said timestamp from the television signal.

18. (Previously presented) An apparatus for adjusting an embedded portion of a television signal comprising:

a demodulator for demodulating a received television signal to a baseband television signal comprising an embedded portion; and

a processor, coupled to said demodulator, for detecting and adjusting said embedded portion of said baseband television signal, where a downstream receiver is prevented from processing the adjusted embedded portion.

19. (Previously presented) A system for preventing a conflict in displayed video among a plurality of receivers comprising:

a first receiver for receiving the television signal and adjusting the embedded portion of the television signal; and

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a second receiver, coupled downstream from said first receiver, for decoding the embedded portion adjusted by said first receiver, where said second receiver is prevented from processing the adjusted embedded portion.

20. (Previously presented) A computer readable medium storing a software program that, when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform a method comprising:

receiving a television signal having an embedded portion;
detecting said embedded portion of said television signal; and
adjusting said embedded portion, where a downstream receiver is prevented from processing the adjusted embedded portion.